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## SCIENTIFIC NEWS.

The Trustees and Director of the Marine Biological Laboratory are now forming a permanent and somewhat extensive library for the use of workers at Wood's Hall. They have received already a gift of money sufficient to secure a very considerable nucleus of sets of biological journals and other standard works, to which they now desire to add also monographs and special contributions. As members of the Committee on the Library, we venture to ask that you will send to Dr. C. S. Minot, Harvard Medical School, Boston, Mass., any copies of your own publications, as well as any duplicates or other books, etc., which can be spared from your own collection of biological works, and which you are willing to present to the Laboratory. All works received will be promptly acknowledged and duly catalogued.

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BOSTON, Feb. 23, 1889.

AUDUBON MONUMENT COMMITTEE.—About a year ago we called attention, by means of a circular letter, to a project for erecting a monument to the illustrious naturalist, JOHN JAMES AUDUBON, and requested contributions for that purpose, the expense of the design adopted being estimated at from \$6,000 to \$10,000.

We have now received about \$1,000, and rather than obtain the remaining sum in New York City—as our plan has been from the first to make the Monument a national one—we again call your attention to the matter.

In order to encourage subscriptions, we have obtained reproductions from the best portrait of AUDUBON extant, and will send these, of a size suitable for framing, to every contributor to the fund of one dollar or more.

Remittances should be sent to the undersigned.—*N. L. Britton, Secretary and Treasurer, Columbia College, New York City.*

The Dutch East India government grants annually \$30,000 for the support of the Botanical Garden and Laboratory at Breitenzorg, Java.

It is proposed in Norway to start another North pole expedition in 1890, under the leadership of Dr. Fridjof Nansen.

THE NAUTILUS, a sixteen-page illustrated, octavo, monthly journal of Conchology will take the place of the *Conchologist's Exchange* formerly published by Wm. D. Averell, and will be the successor of that paper.

It will be under the editorial management of Mr. Henry A. Pilsbry, Conservator of the Conchological Section of the Academy of Natural Sciences, and the successor of the late Mr. Tryon in the publication of *The Manual of Conchology*.—*William D. Averell, Mount Airy, Philadelphia, Pa.*

Prof. A. C. Haddon, whose journey to the Antipodes has already been noticed in these pages, is engaged almost as much in anthropological as in zoological investigations. He was recently in Thursday Island, where he finds that the young men know nothing of ancestral conditions, and if observations be not made soon with the aid of the old men it will soon be too late. He will later go to the Louisiades and the neighboring islands, and then again to New Guinea. He will probably stop but a short time in Ceylon.

At a recent meeting of the Academy of Sciences of Paris, Prince Albert of Monaco drew attention to the fact that vessels running short of provisions might obtain food sufficient to support life indefinitely if provided with apparatus for collecting the surface swimming forms.

Dr. Heinrich Alexander Pagenstecher, director of the Museum at Hamburg, died January 5, 1889, of heart disease. Dr. Pagenstecher was long professor of zoology at Heidelberg, and while there wrote his four volumed "Allgemeine Zoologie." He was sixty-three years of age.

Dr. Whitman's *Journal of Morphology* receives, at the hands of Mr. G. P. Howes, well deserved praise in *Nature* for January 10.

M. G. Menighini, professor of geology at Pisa since 1849, died January 29, aged seventy-eight.

Charles Brogniart has recently found fossil cockroaches of the family Mylacridæ in the Commeny formations of France.